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THE 'SEEDY' CROWD
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Just as in the latest
Pulse Asia survey, Liberal
Party standard-bearer
Benigno Aquino III is
leading the list on his
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'SPECTACULAR FIND' A new species of monitor lizard, found in the Sierra Madre range, is touted as a "spectacular find" by local and foreign scientists. (See story below)

Comelec delays alarm poll watchdog groups

By Kristine L. Alave

PREPARATIONS FOR THE MAY 10 elections have become a catch-all excuse for the alarm poll watchdog groups.

With a month to go before the first nationwide computerized balloting, the Church-Lam-

ing ng Bayan and the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) said that the Commission on Elections (Comelec) was way behind its schedule.

The groups said in a press conference yesterday that the COMELEC is

Melo admits lapse in judgment on P700M folders

By Kristine L. Alave
and Laila B. Salaverria

THE ORDINARY WILL NOW DO the job of its extraordinary counterpart.

Because the specially designed security folders are in copiousness, the Commission on Elections has decided to use regular ones instead to allow voters to shield from prying

eyes when they are selecting when they vote on May 10.

In a press briefing, Comelec Chair Jose Melo admitted a "lapse" in judgment when the poll agency awarded to OTC Paper Supply the nearly P700-million contract to supply 5.81 million security folders.

On Monday, the Comelec has been snatched the contract, which had not been signed.

Melo said the poll body had relied too much on the recommendations of its bids and security committees (BAC), which had given the contract to OTC Paper Supply even though the price was an "extraordinary" P180 per folder.

"We admit that there was some sort of lapse on the part of the BAC and the Comelec here. We relied too much on in-

formation from the people below," Melo explained. "The good thing here is that when we saw the error, we corrected it."

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., who has denounced the alleged anomalous transaction in a radio interview Sunday, called Melo's action "a laudable move."

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Noynoy widens poll lead

Baby James
Villar's 'secret
candidate'

By Nikka Dico

RANSEL, ILOGOS NORTH—Out of the mouths of babes come the best endorsements—particularly if the child is Baby James.

At a recent campaign stop for the Liberal Party in Ransel, Ilogos North, a nephew of LP standard-bearer Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III, strongly made a pitch for his uncle's closest rival.

The story of how the child named his "Villar" on stage, while his mother was holding him in her arms, caused Nacionalista Party standard-bearer Sen. Manuel Villar to smile widely.

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'Numbers can still change depending on local bets'

AHEAD IN ALL AREAS AND SOCIOECONOMIC CLASSES, presidential candidate Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III has widened his lead over rival Manuel Villar, whose numbers dropped significantly over the past two months, results of a survey conducted last month by Pulse Asia Inc. show.

Thirty-seven percent of the respondents, up by a percentage point, said they would vote for Senator Aquino. Liberal Party (LP) standard-bearer had the absolute least held last month.

Support for Senator Villar, presidential candidate of the Nacionalista Party (NAP), dropped to 25 percent from 29 percent in February and 26 percent in January (See chart on this page).

Aquino said he was elated by the results of the Pulse Asia survey, which he received received him close to winning the presidential race.

He paid tribute to his allies, volunteers and supporters for helping him maintain his lead since he declared he

was running for president seven months ago.

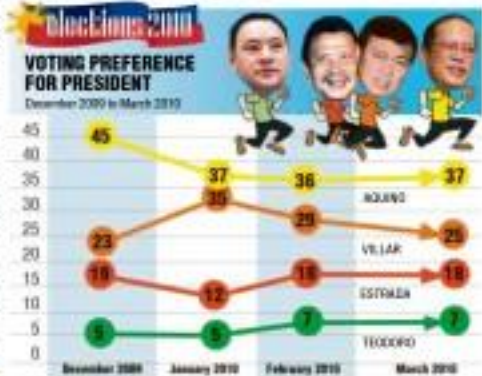
"This is proof that our people are determined to walk the road to change for the good of everyone," he said.

He vowed to close the South African leader Nelson Mandela if he succeeds in ousting President Macapagal-Arroyo from office after nearly a decade in office.

Pulse Asia's latest survey, conducted from March 23 to March 28, used a matching probability sample of 3,000 adults and had an error margin of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

Deposed President Joseph Estrada was third with 18 percent, the same

APRIL 6



SURPRISE APPEARANCE

GMA to troops: Vote Gibo

By TJ Bargino

'CAMPAIGN FOR GIBO: MAKE LIBE site on May 10." This was reportedly the marching order of President Macapagal-Arroyo as she moved party members into campaigning for the Lakas-Kampi-CMD standard-bearer.

The resignation of administration standard-bearer Gilbert "Gibo" Trillanes and defection by party officials have improved its heavily on the cards of the ruling Lakas-Kampi-CMD that it needs "renovation," Aklat Goo Joey Salas, the executive adviser of President Arroyo, said yesterday.

Ms. Arroyo is reportedly trying to whip the party into mobilizing members and maneuver behind Trillanes and speculation that she is secretly backing Nacionalista Party (NAP)



THIS IS THE MARCHING ORDER President Arroyo speaks with Luman and Florio Rep. Abadilla during the Lakas-Kampi-CMD party meeting.

GRN RALLIES AP



THEY NEVER LIFT HAND The Marcoses are firmly back on the political stage, and NP standard-bearer Manuel Villar is their man. In the photo (who is running for House of Representatives), her son Bongbong (for senator) and daughter Imee (for House of Representatives) show off their candidacies in support in the Marcos hall of Lungs City. (See story on Page A18.)

Ricefields alive to sound of 'quack! quack!'

By Fernando del Mundo
Cliff Hinton

(Hinton's visit)
THE RICE FIELDS OUTSIDE CAGAYAN de Oro are alive with the sounds of "quack! quack!"

They are made to farmers like Armando Barandona who grows rice with the help of ducks for less the expense employed in the usual planting method that relies on chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

The yield is several tons more, as Barandona has shown on his one-hectare paddy at Lagunlong, an hour-

long drive from the Marikina Oriental provincial capital.

The duck eats bugs and pests, tangles the weeds, and fertilizes the crop with manure in an ecologically friendly fashion that helps ease global warming by reducing the amount of methane gas emitted from an otherwise chemically treated field.

"I seriously am

NO CHEMICALS Highly ducks march out of a paddy at Lagunlong in Marikina Oriental, after waddling, swimming, reeking and rolling alongside the paddy stalks.



Fruit-eating lizard found in Sierra Madre

By Alvin Papa

A FRUIT-EATING MONITOR LIZARD in the Sierra Madre mountain range in Luzon has led a team of Filipino and foreign scientists to call it a "spectacular find" and a potent symbol of the need to protect the country's dwindling forests.

Scientists from the National Bureau of Science, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the

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MARCOS VS MARCOS

Politics takes a new turn in Ilocos Norte

By Cristina Arceles
Lungsod

WHAT IS CERTAIN AFTER the May 10 elections is that the Marcoses will continue their political grip on Ilocos Norte politics, but which corner of the clan will take the capital seat is for Ilocos people to decide.

Leaders in the province agree that the political landscape is headed for a new shift as the heads-up battle between the current Ilocos Norte governor and congressman Gen. Michael Keon, and the only son of the late Ilocos Norte Gov. Elizabeth Marcos, the youngest state of the late ex-president Ferdinand Marcos, looms large.

Keon was the gubernatorial pick in 2007 with the support of many, a former House member, and his brother, Sen. Elizabeth Marcos, the youngest state of the late ex-president Ferdinand Marcos, looms large.

But the former Ilocos Norte governor's decision to run for a 10th term in the House of Representatives has opened the door for a new political player in the province.

"I'll win, I'll win," the Marcoses began to say in the weeks before the election. The Marcoses and their allies will make sure that will never happen again. "We'll win, we'll win," they said. "I'll win, I'll win," they said.

Agreement

In the end, the Marcoses agreed to a different political arena. The Marcoses and their allies will make sure that will never happen again. "We'll win, we'll win," they said. "I'll win, I'll win," they said.

The Marcoses agreed that they would coordinate their efforts behind the scenes to support the governor's bid for a 10th term.

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Last word

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RENE MARCOS

If at all, the 2010 gubernatorial derby is one of the most awaited matchups in the province

Among the Marcoses is a political player who is not only a member of the Marcos family but also a member of the Marcos family.

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Suarez wins; Vicera, Melligen fall

ROBERTO SUAREZ TRIUMPHED IN THE country's first boxing bout inside the ring as he triumphed over 4-0 in the quarterfinal bout of the 2009 PBA Boxing Open. Suarez, a 21-year-old from the Philippines, defeated his opponent, 4-0, in the quarterfinal bout of the 2009 PBA Boxing Open. Suarez, a 21-year-old from the Philippines, defeated his opponent, 4-0, in the quarterfinal bout of the 2009 PBA Boxing Open.



Suarez won his bout against Vicera in the quarterfinal bout of the 2009 PBA Boxing Open. Suarez, a 21-year-old from the Philippines, defeated his opponent, 4-0, in the quarterfinal bout of the 2009 PBA Boxing Open.

Light flyweight Jason Mico took a bye during the drawing of lots. Mico, who is currently in the country of a lower bracket round. Mico will fight with his opponent, 4-0, in the quarterfinal bout of the 2009 PBA Boxing Open. Mico, who is currently in the country of a lower bracket round. Mico will fight with his opponent, 4-0, in the quarterfinal bout of the 2009 PBA Boxing Open.

PBA pioneers back in limelight



The PBA has announced that the 2009 anniversary of the league will be marked by a series of events. The PBA has announced that the 2009 anniversary of the league will be marked by a series of events. The PBA has announced that the 2009 anniversary of the league will be marked by a series of events.

Derby Ace, Alaska finally get going

Llamados face Realtors; Aces take on Tropang Texters today

By Mico R. Castillo

CARRYING A NEW NAME BUT FIGHTING to play the same kind of game, Purok, Aces take on the Tropang Texters today in the second round of the PBA season, where the Llamados make their PBA debut against the Tropang Texters.

The Llamados are set for the first time since leaving the Philippines. They are set to play against the Tropang Texters today in the second round of the PBA season, where the Llamados make their PBA debut against the Tropang Texters.

Derby Ace, a former Llamados player, is now a member of the Tropang Texters. He is now a member of the Tropang Texters. He is now a member of the Tropang Texters. He is now a member of the Tropang Texters.

"We have no impact before the game," said Aces coach. "We have no impact before the game." Aces coach said that the team is not yet ready to play. Aces coach said that the team is not yet ready to play. Aces coach said that the team is not yet ready to play.

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Hatfield's back; Barrios bears Wynne's appeal

By Mico R. Castillo

ALVIN HATFIELD IS BACK WHILE the Philippines is hoping to stage a Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) season, the former coach of the PBA is back in the Philippines.

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First 'Pambolan' elite today at San Juan

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Coscolluela wants Cojuangco as new equestrian chair

By Jose Navarro

NEWLY ELECTED EQUESTRIAN CHIEF Carlos Coscolluela said getting his name on a second time should work for good the leadership struggle in the sport even as the efforts to build a new equestrian body for the Philippines Olympic Committee president Jose "Peping" Cojuangco Jr.

"I hope there will not be a protracted battle for leadership in this association," said Coscolluela after taking her oath as president of the Philippine Equestrian Federation (PEF) in a ceremony at the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) last night.

Coscolluela was the PEF presidency and Cojuangco in polls held on March 31 as co-convener of the Manila Regional Trial Court. He was retained the status of the polls held in April last year which was apportioning the world governing body—after later withdrew its sanction when Cojuangco presented the evidence illegal and without merit.

"Prolonging the issue would mean to be detrimental to the sport," said Coscolluela, a former party-list representative.

In the spirit of reconciliation, she offered the PEF chairmanship to Cojuangco.

"It's up to him if he will accept as a sign of reconciliation and unity," said Coscolluela.

Cojuangco, however, insisted stability and instead that the director of the court for PEF members to elect a new set of officers failed to follow the provisions of the association's constitution and by-law.

He stated that the association's constitution and by-law provide that officers, including the PEF president, are to be elected by a board of trustees, not by regular members.

Coscolluela got the nod of 22 of the 27 members present during the elections. There was no PSC observer during the polls.

"We had repeatedly asked this position along with other issues such as membership fee

and the PSC did not take the time to appreciate the situation of the sport. There is a need to get the proceedings in proper perspective and to keep things intact to ensure our exclusion."

Coscolluela said the similar results of both elections should be enough to settle the leadership issue.

"We may soon elections should we have to get the dispute," said Coscolluela, who already admitted the work preceding both Philippine Olympic Committee's and the PSC.

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Alcano paces RP romp in World 8-Ball

FORMER DOUBLE WORLD CHAMPION BUENFE ALCANO MADE QUICK work of Polish ace Sebastian Hubicki, 9-1, Monday night to lead the efforts of Philippine team in the World 8-Ball Pool Championship at the Jeddah Prince Club in Jeddah, United Arab Emirates.



ALCANO Flashes

A witness of this event three years ago, the 37-year-old Alcano showed stronger focus to secure into the winners' bracket of Group 1.

A victory over UAE bet Mohammed Hosain, who tipped Canadian John Mera, 9-7, in their first round clash, will give the Filipinos a seat in the round of 32.

One more victory

Lee Van Geronzi, Steven Orellana and Antonio Talsada also scored opening day victories, just like international counterparts Raymond Pasco, Jason Davis and Robert Rosales.

They also need more victories to make the knockout stage.

The string of Filipino victories were made up for the defeats suffered by second RP bet Jeffrey Yu-Lee and Marlon Manalo.

GRAND, a runner-up Mike Isenhardt in the World 10-Ball championship last year, over-

came UAE's Majed Sultan, 9-2, to set up a showdown with Cojuangco, who pushed compatriot Oliver McMillan to the brink of elimination in Group 4 with a clinical 9-2 victory.

Gulick, who won the gold medal in the 2008 Asian Games in China, China, proved too sharp the Myanmar International of Poland, 9-4, in Group 8, where Isenhardt crossed Miguel Alcantara of the UAE, 6-3.

Isenhardt joined Alcano in the winners' bracket of Group 1 after toppling Hong Kong's Sam Chiu, 6-4, in Group 3.

It was Alcano, though, who scored the most emphatic win of the day, showing his UAE Super 82 skills, 9-0, in under 30 minutes.

Manalo bowed in Robert Hosain of the UAE, 7-6, after the Filipino scratched on the 11th rack. The latter struggled with his break and failed to avoid UAE bet, Manalo's team, 9-5, in Group 5. Cojuangco topped.

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Partizan uses size edge, whips Smart Gilas

SMART GILAS DEFENSEMAN smarted at South Africa's five men, bowing to top Indian League squad Partizan, 40-37, Monday night in Hyderabad.

Partizan simply used its superior height and left to outpace the RP defenders, who as yet obtained all the fourth, 20-42.

"They were scoring from inside and outside. We had problems containing offensively and lost in the second half," Smart Gilas skipper Chris Dabo pointed in his fiercest second-period.

He added that 7-foot-2 forward Bheke controlled the game while the Indians struggled with their shots.

Meanwhile, center-up guardman opened up for Smart Gilas in his bid to secure a successful place where Partizan team. League Indian Captain de Arcebo rebounded Smart Gilas.

Smart Gilas skipper Prashant Das rebounded to maintain until everything becomes defined.

A hard 12 League 10th 6-12 game was the original choice of Smart Gilas coach Nagesh Kumar prior to Dabo's team, who reportedly signed up with Phoenix Stars.

Smart Gilas

KING'S CLIP RP boxers reach semis

By Dennis Eno, Inquirer Staff

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT CRISANTO LUCAS emerged a huge star as he dodged highly favored American champion of Russia to secure the RP's first berth in its second biggest medal in the annual Bay-Cap in Bangkok, Thailand.

Gulick and Isenhardt fought to a 2-2 knockout but the Filipino pug won the last after the countback.

Gulick then followed the footsteps of flyweight Nicolo Galante, who earlier scored over the Pacific Heights-based team of a bronze medal by beating Argentine Samuel Llanusa in the quarterfinals.

Gulick won a final bout where he clashed with Thai Don Phongsopon, while Isenhardt edged to a silver medal when he fought another Thai, Don Phongsopon in the semifinals.

WHO Philippines and DOH To Recognize Urban Health Champions During World Health Day 2010 Celebration

MANILA, Philippines. In partnership with the Department of Health (DOH), WHO Philippines is celebrating the 60th anniversary of the World Health Organization (WHO) on Thursday, April 15, 2010. The celebration will be held at the Manila Convention Center, Manila. The event will feature a series of activities, including a health fair, a health expo, and a health forum. The health fair will feature a series of health-related activities, including a health check-up, a health consultation, and a health demonstration. The health expo will feature a series of health-related products, including health supplements, health equipment, and health services. The health forum will feature a series of health-related discussions, including a health panel discussion, a health roundtable, and a health debate.



World Health Day 2010 Health Campaign of 100 cities.

WHO Philippines is a member of the WHO South-East Asia Region. The organization is committed to improving the health of the people of the Philippines. WHO Philippines is working with the DOH to improve the health of the people of the Philippines. WHO Philippines is working with the DOH to improve the health of the people of the Philippines.

Multitasking Shalani to join Noynoy in sorties

By Beverly T. Hualilad

A FEW YEARS AGO, MORE 300 young people made of Marikina City hero who Shalani Isabela was. This time, however, the two-time senator who is getting for her third term, Shalani is back in the spotlight as a member of the House of Representatives. She is now a member of the House of Representatives. She is now a member of the House of Representatives.



Shalani Isabela, 46, is a member of the House of Representatives. She is now a member of the House of Representatives. She is now a member of the House of Representatives. She is now a member of the House of Representatives. She is now a member of the House of Representatives.



Rizal police eye charges vs Antipolo congressman

By Elly De

THE RIZAL POLICE THIS WEEKDAY said they were studying the possibility of filing charges against Congressman Noyon Aquino, who is running for city mayor, for allegedly causing a commotion and disrupting the work of a panel on the other day.

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METRO BRIEFS

Binay: Place Malusi under Cerebral control

MANILA. Mayor Joseph Binay yesterday ordered the Cerebral Control Unit to place the city under its control for the duration of the election campaign. Binay said that he was angry at the city council for the killing of a suspect. Binay said that he was angry at the city council for the killing of a suspect.

NBI agents, policemen

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Man kills self over money

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NBI agents, policemen

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By Tina C. Santos

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The WORLD

Editor Lawrence B. Gueco

US consulate attacked in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN—Islamist militants armed with guns, grenades and suicide car bombs targeted the US consulate in Pakistan's northwestern capital and a political rally, killing 46 people on Monday.

The attacks in quick succession were among the deadliest so far this year in northeastern Pakistan, where insecurity has raised concerns in the US as Washington steps up the fight in Afghanistan and against al-Qaida.

Pakistan's Taliban claimed responsibility for the consulate attack, saying it was to avenge a US drone war targeting car militants in Pakistan's border areas with Afghanistan, and threatened further assaults on American.

But heavily armed militants managed to approach the US mission undeterred the proximity of their three despite snipers at Pakistan's airbase and US drone strikes against militants in Pakistan's border areas.

Five security officials were killed when at least eight militants armed with guns, grenades and two car bombs targeted the heavily guarded US consulate in Peshawar, a city of 2.5 million on the edge of Pakistan's border with India.

"A car-bomb exploded outside the consulate on our side



A damaged American vehicle in a day after a suicide bomb attack outside the US consulate in Peshawar.

side in Peshawar," said US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

"The suicide attack involving a pair of a wave of violence perpetrated by brutal extremists who seek to undermine Pakistan's democracy and now live and die," she said in a statement.

The US said at least one Islamic security guard employed by the consulate was killed and a number of others seriously wounded, but that no Americans died.

Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari vowed to retaliate on Monday. "Military and resources have been the greatest threat to our national security in recent times. I intend you, we

will fight militarily in the field," Zardari said. Two car bombs exploded near the consulate and the central bank with about 100 kilograms of explosives close to the consulate gate, followed by an exchange of fire.

North West Frontier Province Governor Muhammad Hanif said reporters that five security officials and six militants were killed.

The security forces near the US consulate gate were damaged, and shells from rocket-propelled grenades and hand grenades were left lying in the area, which was cordoned off by Pakistan police and Army witnesses said.

Although the precise number of militants was unclear, Radio Al-Naba, a provincial radio station, said more than 500 militants had during the assault.

US media outlets have killed more than 800 people since August 2009 in Pakistan's sectarian violence since the US military invasion of the country in 2001.

"We accept the attack on the consulate as a tragedy. This is a tragedy for the entire world," Secretary of State Clinton said. "We will do everything in our power to ensure that the US mission in Pakistan is safe and secure."

OBAMA PLEDGE

US to adopt narrower policy on nuke arms

WASHINGTON, D.C.—OBAMA administration is adopting a new policy limiting the circumstances under which the United States would use nuclear weapons, keeping with the president's pledge to give the nuclear arsenal a less prominent role in US defense strategy.

In line with an in-depth review of US nuclear weapons policy, the administration also hopes to persuade Russia to agree to open talks on nuclear arms in order to establish a new security treaty to replace the old one.

The nuclear weapons policy review is to be released on Thursday, the first since 2001. It would not radically change US policy, but officials said it will include language that reflects President Barack Obama's commitment to never launch a nuclear strike without a clear and convincing threat to the United States.

Those officials said the administration's new policy would step down of increasing the use of nuclear weapons except in situations to prevent an attack on the United States.

Some analysts have criticized the review, saying it would describe the "nuclear posture" as "preemptive" or "unilaterally" in order to respond to a nuclear attack.

Officials said the document was expected to have raised a policy that says the "sole purpose" of nuclear weapons is to deter or respond to nuclear attack. That wording would rule out the use of nuclear weapons to respond to an attack by conventional, biological or chemical weapons. However, US policy was more ambiguous. In an interview with the New York Times on Monday, Obama said his administration was explicitly committing the US to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear states that are in compliance with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, even if they attacked the US with biological or chemical weapons. These states, he said, the review could be described as "a series of guided options" — a combination of old and newly adopted conventional weapons.

On Monday evening, the White House provided a brief outline of the new nuclear policy, which it said reflects a commitment to ensure arms control and work with Russia to reduce nuclear forces while maintaining a credible military posture.

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Manila Water sets sights on Laguna

Forms joint venture with Ayala Land

By Boris C. Ombao and Risa T. Ombao

PROPERTY GIANT AYALA LAND INC. AND AFFILIATE WATER CORPORATION Manila Water Co. have teamed up on a new framework on the development and operation of a water and wastewater utility service in Laguna.

The partnership will open up a new business arena for Manila Water in terms of putting up a large-scale pipeline and planting infrastructure in Laguna while involving Ayala Land and the consortium in terms of lower water distribution cost.

"Manila Water is looking for the new business (development) in Metro Manila and we think the most fruitful one is Laguna," said Perry Flores, director

for regulation and corporate development.

"We realized that there are potential expansion and this is just the first of the series of moves where our companies will partner," he said.

Under the agreement, the partnership will form a joint venture company that will serve as the water and wastewater planning, development and operating entity for targeted end-user developments.

The partnership seeks to initially start with the Ayala's owned new Manila development but intends to move other property developments in the area as well.

"Typically when a developer starts with a development, it will like to own everything to do planning. With this, we will ask Manila Water to do it and we will pay them," 41 president Antonio Arce said in an interview.

Manila Water, which has experience in this area, will handle the pipeline in an optimized manner and take part in the master planning and development.

Manila Water president Jose Jose Alvarado said the partnership would provide a "win-win" situation after recently choosing a 20-year concession to provide

water and sewerage services in the area, Alvarado said the company was already doing these tasks to the population.

While the initial pipeline for the project in the 1,000-hectare site will, the plan is to expand within the area.

Meanwhile, Manila Water is also looking for a partner in putting water projects in Indonesia as part of its expansion strategy.

"We hope that within the year we can talk to a few possible partners," said Virginia Flores A. Manila Water group director for regulation and corporate development.

Shimizu Corporation and Pioneer Corp., the World Bank affiliate with a stake in Manila Water, could help

PHILADELPHIA



Stocks surge to 2-year high

LOCAL STOCKS RISE TO a 2-year high, spurred by a strong first-quarter report from the country's largest bank, BDO Unibank Inc., and its best performance since 2008.

All the countries rose up but the sectors that benefited the most from the rally were the leading in real estate and consumer goods, which advanced by 2.38 percent and 2.8 percent, respectively.

"We're now really in a bull market," said Paul Joseph Ibarra, chief executive officer of BDO Unibank Inc., which managed the biggest equity funds in the country, adding that the next target would be 3,000.

"I think the market is looking forward to a re-rating of stocks. Investors expect that corporate earnings will be higher while many analysts are still conservative on their forecasts," Ibarra said.

Inflation rose to 3-month high of 4.4% in March

By Noriel W. Domingo

THE INFLATION RATE IN MARCH rose to a three-month high of 4.4 percent from a year ago in March due to higher cost of clothing, services, fuel, light and water, according to the National Statistics Office.

This year's inflation rate rose to the December level, with the first quarter average settling at 4.2 percent.

The rates were still within country's inflation target

range of between 2.5 percent and 4.5 percent for 2010.

Inflation stood at 6.4 percent in March 2009.

Last month, price increases for fuel, light and water jumped to 14.6 percent from 11 percent in February.

Also, price increases for services and for clothing rose to 4.8 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively, from 5.6 percent and 2 percent.

On the other hand, prices of rice and corn declined from the

other three subgroups that make up the consumer price index. The increase in the heavily weighted food, housing and tobacco and alcohol to 3.1 percent from 3.8 percent. These for housing and repair shrank to 1.7 percent from 3.8 percent, and for miscellaneous items, to 1.3 percent from 1.7 percent.

"The annual inflation has been above the national level since March 2009 at 3.1 percent in March from 2.5 percent in February," said NSO

statistician Cecilia S. Encina. Data said prices of corn fell from 4.4 percent from one percent.

She added that similar improvements were seen in most categories, dairy products, eggs, fish, fruits, vegetables and meat.

On a month-on-month basis, there was a surge in prices of electricity, diesel and gasoline in the National Capital Region but prices were lower for fish, chicken, fruits and vegetables in other regions.



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RP, Thailand to sign rice agreement soon

40% tariff to stay up to Jan. 1, 2015

By Robert W.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND are expected to sign a rice trade agreement soon, according to a source familiar with the negotiations. The agreement would allow the Philippines to import rice from Thailand at a 40% tariff, which is the same rate as the one in place for rice imported from the United States. The source said the agreement would be signed by the end of the year, but it is not clear when it will take effect. The Philippines has been importing rice from Thailand for several years, but the current agreement would allow for a larger volume of imports. The source said the agreement would be a significant step in improving the Philippines' rice supply and reducing the cost of rice for consumers.

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PetroEnergy unit formed for clean energy projects

By Robert W.

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years, MDC survey shows

MANILA, Philippines — The Manila Development Corporation (MDC) has released its annual survey on the state of the city's infrastructure, showing a significant improvement in the quality of the city's roads, water supply, and public transportation. The survey, which is the first of its kind, was conducted by a team of experts from the MDC and the University of the Philippines. The results show that the city's infrastructure has improved significantly over the past five years, with the most notable improvements in the quality of the roads, water supply, and public transportation. The survey also found that the city's infrastructure is still in need of significant improvement, particularly in the areas of waste management, public safety, and housing. The MDC is committed to addressing these issues and improving the city's infrastructure for the benefit of its residents.



Officials and community members at a public event.

PSA M to issue peso bonds in April

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine Statistical Agency (PSA) is set to issue peso bonds in April, a move that is expected to help the government raise funds for its infrastructure projects. The PSA is one of the government's largest agencies, and its bonds are considered one of the most reliable investments in the country. The issuance of the bonds is part of the government's broader strategy to improve its financial position and support its economic growth. The PSA is also expected to issue more bonds in the future, as the government continues to invest in its infrastructure and social services.

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Enjoy a full day of fun at the Greenfield City Sunset Run 2018

MANILA, Philippines — The Greenfield City Sunset Run 2018 is a full-day event that promises to be a fun and exciting experience for all participants. The run will start at the Greenfield City and will cover a distance of 10 kilometers. The event is open to all ages and is a great opportunity for people to enjoy the outdoors and get some exercise. The run will be held on a beautiful day, with a clear sky and a gentle breeze. The organizers are expecting a large turnout of participants, and they are sure that everyone will have a great time. The run will be held on a beautiful day, with a clear sky and a gentle breeze. The organizers are expecting a large turnout of participants, and they are sure that everyone will have a great time.



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Metrobank unit wants more funds for energy

MANILA, Philippines — The Metrobank unit is seeking more funds for its energy projects, a move that is expected to help the company expand its operations and improve its financial position. The Metrobank unit is one of the largest financial institutions in the country, and its energy projects are considered one of the most important investments in the country. The unit is also expected to issue more bonds in the future, as the company continues to invest in its energy and infrastructure projects. The Metrobank unit is also expected to issue more bonds in the future, as the company continues to invest in its energy and infrastructure projects.



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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR No. DC 2009-01-0006

PROVIDING ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR A TRANSPARENT AND COMPETITIVE SYSTEM OF AWARDOING SERVICEDIRECTING CONTRACTS FOR COAL AND PETROLEUM PROSPECTIVE AREAS AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE, DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC 2006-12-0014

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2009, the DOE issued Department Circular No. (DC) 2008-01-0001 providing for transparent and competitive system for awarding petroleum, geothermal, geothermal, geothermal, and coal prospecting contracts;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 9163 otherwise known as the "Petroleum Development Act of 2008", petroleum resources have been considered as a non-renewable resource and the government's direct exploration and development of petroleum resources is considered as a non-renewable resource;

WHEREAS, the DOE issued Department Circular No. (DC) 2006-12-0014 providing for the guidelines governing a transparent and competitive system of awarding Geothermal, Coal, Geothermal, geothermal, geothermal, and coal prospecting contracts;

WHEREAS, Department Circular No. (DC) 2008-01-0001 provides for transparent and competitive system for awarding petroleum, geothermal, geothermal, geothermal, and coal prospecting contracts for exploration and development; and foreign and local investors who are willing to explore in Geothermal, Coal, and Coal prospecting contracts;

WHEREAS, due to the economic and industrial needs of the country, it is necessary to establish a transparent, fair, and competitive system for awarding petroleum, geothermal, geothermal, geothermal, and coal prospecting contracts to the public; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the aforementioned provisions, the following amendments and corrections are hereby provided for the Department Circular No. (DC) 2006-12-0014:

- Section 1. Section 1 of the Circular is amended to read as follows:**
- Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Circular is to provide a transparent and competitive system for awarding petroleum, geothermal, geothermal, geothermal, and coal prospecting contracts to the public.
- Section 2. Scope.** This Circular shall apply to all petroleum, geothermal, geothermal, geothermal, and coal prospecting contracts awarded by the DOE.

- Section 3. Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in this Circular:
- a. Petroleum.** Petroleum shall mean all hydrocarbons in solid, liquid, or gaseous form, whether or not they are associated with water, and whether or not they are associated with other minerals.
- b. Geothermal.** Geothermal shall mean all geothermal resources, whether or not they are associated with water, and whether or not they are associated with other minerals.
- c. Coal.** Coal shall mean all coal resources, whether or not they are associated with water, and whether or not they are associated with other minerals.
- d. Prospect.** Prospect shall mean all areas that are suitable for the exploration and development of petroleum, geothermal, geothermal, geothermal, and coal resources.
- e. License.** License shall mean all rights and interests in the exploration and development of petroleum, geothermal, geothermal, geothermal, and coal resources.
- f. Contract.** Contract shall mean all agreements between the government and the licensee for the exploration and development of petroleum, geothermal, geothermal, geothermal, and coal resources.
- Section 4. Application.** This Circular shall apply to all petroleum, geothermal, geothermal, geothermal, and coal prospecting contracts awarded by the DOE.

- Section 5. Procedure.** The following procedure shall apply to the awarding of petroleum, geothermal, geothermal, geothermal, and coal prospecting contracts:
- a. Submission of Applications.** Applicants shall submit their applications to the DOE within the prescribed period.
- b. Evaluation of Applications.** The DOE shall evaluate the applications and select the qualified applicants.
- c. Award of Contracts.** The DOE shall award the contracts to the qualified applicants.
- d. Compliance.** The applicants shall comply with the terms and conditions of the contracts.
- e. Monitoring.** The DOE shall monitor the performance of the applicants.
- f. Termination.** The DOE may terminate the contracts if the applicants fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the contracts.

- Section 6. Penalties.** The following penalties shall apply to the applicants who fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the contracts:
- a. Fines.** Applicants who fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the contracts shall be fined.
- b. Suspension.** Applicants who fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the contracts shall be suspended.
- c. Revocation.** Applicants who fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the contracts shall have their contracts revoked.
- d. Disqualification.** Applicants who fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the contracts shall be disqualified from participating in future bidding.
- e. Criminal Liability.** Applicants who fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the contracts shall be liable for criminal liability.
- f. Civil Liability.** Applicants who fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the contracts shall be liable for civil liability.
- Section 7. Miscellaneous.** The following provisions shall apply to the applicants:
- a. Confidentiality.** Applicants shall keep confidential all information received from the government.
- b. Non-Assignment.** Applicants shall not assign their contracts to third parties.
- c. Force Majeure.** Applicants shall be relieved of their obligations in the event of force majeure.
- d. Dispute Resolution.** Disputes between the government and the applicants shall be resolved through arbitration.
- e. Governing Law.** The laws of the Philippines shall govern the contracts.
- f. Severability.** If any provision of this Circular is found to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.
- Section 8. Final Provisions.** This Circular shall take effect on the date of its issuance.

Section 9. Repealing Clause. All existing laws, decrees, and regulations that are inconsistent with this Circular are hereby repealed.

Section 10. Amending Clause. This Circular may be amended by the Department of Energy.

Section 11. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect on the date of its issuance.

Section 12. Signature. This Circular is signed by the Secretary of the Department of Energy.

Section 13. Approval. This Circular is approved by the President of the Philippines.

Section 14. Issuance. This Circular is issued by the Department of Energy.

Section 15. Distribution. This Circular shall be distributed to all concerned offices.

Section 16. Copying. This Circular may be copied for reference.

Section 17. Revision. This Circular may be revised by the Department of Energy.

Section 18. Finality. This Circular is final and conclusive.

Section 19. Interpretation. The Department of Energy shall interpret this Circular.

Section 20. Miscellaneous. The following provisions shall apply to this Circular:

a. Title. The title of this Circular is "Providing Additional Guidelines for a Transparent and Competitive System of Awarding Servicedirecting Contracts for Coal and Petroleum Prospective Areas Amending for this Purpose, Department Circular No. DC 2006-12-0014".

b. Date. This Circular is dated April 1, 2009.

c. Place. This Circular is issued in Manila, Philippines.

d. Signature. This Circular is signed by the Secretary of the Department of Energy.

e. Approval. This Circular is approved by the President of the Philippines.

f. Issuance. This Circular is issued by the Department of Energy.

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Business

Markets rise on upbeat data

Toyota slapped with \$16M fine as Prius tops sales

WASHINGTON—TOYOTA MOTOR CORP. faces a maximum penalty of \$16 million for allegedly selling cars with faulty air filters, according to a report by the U.S. Justice Department. The report, which was filed in federal court in Detroit, Michigan, alleges that Toyota sold cars with faulty air filters between 2004 and 2008. The report also alleges that Toyota knew about the problem but did not recall the cars. The report was filed by the U.S. Justice Department, which is part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The report was filed in federal court in Detroit, Michigan, which is part of the Eastern District of Michigan. The report was filed by the U.S. Justice Department, which is part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The report was filed in federal court in Detroit, Michigan, which is part of the Eastern District of Michigan.

Asia on yuan watch; US report adds optimism over economic recovery

WASHINGTON—ASIAN STOCKS made their first gains in a week on Tuesday, after a two-day slump. The Nikkei 225 index in Tokyo rose 1.1 percent to 9,100. The Hang Seng index in Hong Kong rose 1.2 percent to 23,000. The Shanghai Composite index in China rose 1.3 percent to 2,800. The Asian market was buoyed by a report from the U.S. Commerce Department that U.S. exports to China rose 1.4 percent in March. The report also showed that U.S. imports from China rose 1.5 percent. The report was released by the U.S. Commerce Department, which is part of the Department of Commerce. The report was released in Washington, D.C., which is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.



AN EMPLOYEE of Toyota checks a vehicle at the company's show room in Washington, D.C. Toyota's sales are up 1.4 percent in March, according to a report from the U.S. Commerce Department.

Yuan revaluation may yield little benefit for US

WASHINGTON—CHINA'S REVALUATION of the yuan may yield little benefit for the U.S. economy, according to a report by the U.S. Commerce Department. The report, which was filed in federal court in Washington, D.C., alleges that China's revaluation of the yuan will not lead to a significant increase in U.S. exports to China. The report was filed by the U.S. Commerce Department, which is part of the Department of Commerce. The report was released in Washington, D.C., which is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

China foreign debt up 14.4% to \$428.6B

BEIJING—CHINA'S FOREIGN DEBT rose 14.4 percent in the first quarter of 2009 to \$428.6 billion, according to a report by the U.S. Commerce Department. The report, which was filed in federal court in Washington, D.C., alleges that China's foreign debt has increased significantly in the first quarter of 2009. The report was filed by the U.S. Commerce Department, which is part of the Department of Commerce. The report was released in Washington, D.C., which is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The report also showed that China's foreign debt to the U.S. rose 1.5 percent to \$100 billion. The report was released by the U.S. Commerce Department, which is part of the Department of Commerce. The report was released in Washington, D.C., which is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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ARCHITECTURAL details inside the Triaño Riverada's Triaño Ancestral House

Ancestral house in Pila is showcase of a vanished era

Now, Corn Relova and her kin are making it thrive in the present

By Gloriosa Agapin
 Contributor

PILA, LAZUNGA IS A SMALL town, ideal in its commercial and human proportions, where children walk to school and play in the grassy town plaza, and where some people stop and talk to each other on the street.

Survived and adapted to the past and the present, the Cornelia Riverada ancestral house of Buangon and Iliana Iliana doesn't hide behind stone walls. Built in the mid-1920s, during a period dominated by the Spaniards, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture.

From 1920, on was a period that gave a new twist to architectural styles. Just the master's bedroom, which is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture.

A 15-year restoration period in Philippine history from 1920-1940, during which the Philippines was preparing for independence from America. The Cornelia Riverada ancestral house is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture.

Arches

The main entrance of the Riverada house has a semi-circular arched doorway, which is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture.

Inside the house, the main entrance is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture, the house is a showcase of Spanish culture.

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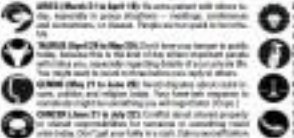
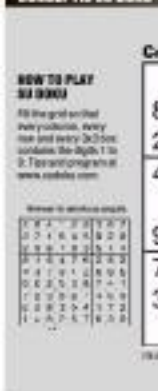
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Former child star's addictions crying for intervention

By the Screen Actors Guild
 DAMAGED BY SHOW BO, FORMER CHILD star has battled all sorts of addictions, according to a source.
 Thanks, it seems, to the most notorious PCS

is involved in that according to a source, PCS also suffers from a gambling addiction.
 When PCS is a regular in public but when the drug of choice is one night stand with a famous actress.



LEFT: COMPROMISED former Anna Popplewell with "True Blood" creator and boyfriend Stephen Moyer

Aggro **October** **Small** **Superhero** **War**

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Mother's easy habit

While Celebrity Gossip lives a life of luxury in the big city, his "broccoli" Mother steps in a "broccoli" in a luxury position.
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Beastly beauty

After appearing beautiful like a diamond necklace, a Star's face, the make singer reportedly falling in love with Gossip.

Inaccurate report

"Inaccurate," said Moya brother of the report, "Inaccurate," said Moya brother of the report, "Inaccurate," said Moya brother of the report.



SARAH MICHELLE GELLAR LEE PACE

From the producers of THE RING, THE GRUDGE and THE DEPARTED

POSSESSION

What if the person you loved became someone else?

NOW PLAYING

POWER PLANT

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 CLASH OF TITANS: THE BATTLE OF THE GODS

DATE NIGHT

Steve Carell, Tina Fey
 Steve Carell, Tina Fey
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IN THEATERS APRIL 9 (FRIDAY)

IRON FIST

Have Fear, They're Here.

IN CINEMAS APRIL 16